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JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian and Chinese troops conducted a joint military exercise in December, 2007 in China;

(b) if so, the details and benefits thereof;

(c) whether such joint exercises with China will continue in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other countries with which such exercises are proposed to be conducted in the near future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The first India-China Joint Military Exercise was conducted from 19-27 December, 2007 at Kunming in Yunnan Province of China. One infantry company participated in the exercise and a total of 100 troops attended the exercise. The theme of the exercise was Counter Terrorism.

The exercise has given impetus to the ongoing Confidence Building Measures between the two countries and is a positive step towards increased Military to Military interaction.

(c) & (d): The Next Joint Exercise between India and China is likely to be held in September-October, 2008. The Joint Exercises will be hosted alternatively by both countries.

(e) The joint exercises with other friendly foreign countries are considered on case to case basis based on our need to engage them as directed by our National Security guidelines.